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## **Amendments to Claims**

Claim 1-9 (Canceled)

Claim 10 (Currently Amended) A The resin composition of claim 9 made from admixing starting materials comprising consisting essentially of:

- (a) 40 20 to 60 parts by weight of polyethylene;
- (b) 10 to 30 parts by weight of maleic anhydride grafted polyethylene;
- (c) 10 to 35 part s be parts by weight of the <u>a</u> high impact polystyrene; and
- (d) 10 to 25 parts by weight of the <u>an ethylene-propylene diene</u> rubber compoundelastomer compound,

where the total amount of components of (a), (b), (c) and (d) in the resin composition is 100 parts by weight.

- Claim 11 (Original) The resin composition of claim 10 wherein the polyethylene comprises one or more of high density polyethylene, linear low density polyethylene and low density polyethylene.
- Claim 12 (Currently Amended) The resin composition of claim 7 10 wherein the grafted polyethylene is selected from the group consisting of maleic anhydride grafted linear low density polyethylene, maleic anhydride low density polyethylene, and maleic anhydride grafted high density polyethylene.

Claim 13-16 (Canceled)

- Claim 17 (Currently Amended) <u>A resin composition made from admixing</u>
  <u>starting materials consisting essentially of:</u> The resin composition of claim 13, comprising:
  - (a) 40 to 60 parts by weight of ethylene vinyl acetate ∞polymer;
  - (b) 10 to 30 parts by weight of maleic anhydride grafted polyethylene;

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- (c) 10 to 35 parts by weight of high impact polystyrene; and
- (d) 10 to 20 25 parts by weight of an elastomer ethylene-propylene diene rubber compound,

where the total amount of components of (a), (b), (c) and (d) in the resin composition is 100 parts by weight.

- Claim 18 (Original) The resin composition of claim 17 wherein the ethylene vinyl acetate copolymer contains 3 to 40wt% vinyl acetate.
- Claim 19 (Original) The resin composition of claim 18 wherein the ethylene vinyl acetate copolymer contains 5 to 30 wt% vinyl acetate.
- Claim 20 (Currently Amended) An adhesive composition comprising the resin of claim 4 10.
- Claim 21 (Currently Amended) An adhesive composition comprising the resin of claim 9 17.

Claim 22 (Canceled)

Claim 23 (Original) A composite structure comprising:

- (a) a metal substrate;
- (b) a polymeric layer; and
- (c) a layer of the adhesive composition of claim 20 between the metal substrate and the polymeric layer.

Claim 24 (Original) A composite structure comprising:

- (a) a metal substrate;
- (b) a polymeric layer; and
- (c) a layer of the adhesive composition of claim 21 between the metal substrate and the polymeric layer.

Claim 25 (Canceled)

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Claim 26 (New) The adhesive composition of claim 20 further comprising minor amounts of additives selected from the group consisting of primary and secondary antioxidants, stabilizers, slip additives, antiblock additives, dyes, pigments and tackifying resins, so long as the addition of these additives does not significantly adversely affect the adhesive qualities of the adhesive composition.

Claim 27 (New) The adhesive composition of claim 21 further comprising minor amounts of additives selected from the group consisting of primary and secondary antioxidants, stabilizers, slip additives, antiblock additives, dyes, pigments and tackifying resins, so long as the addition of these additives does not significantly adversely affect the adhesive qualities of the adhesive composition.